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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment places this Divisional Application of the prior application Serial No. 09/462,846, filed on January 13, 2000 (a copy of which is filed herewith) in condition to begin prosecution. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments to the Specification and Claims be entered prior to the examination on the merits of the present Divisional application. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the